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Gentlemen:

Enclosed is the test report for the Plasma Melter test work conducted by Lockheed for EG&G Idaho. EG&G Rocky Flats and the Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Field Office (DOE/RFFO) participated in this test work by providing a small soil sample for bench scale testing. While the Plasma Melter test work was not part of the required Site Wide Treatability Studies program, the report is provided to you for your information. While the text portion of the report is complete not all of the figures and illustrations were included in the report submitted to Rocky Flats. Still, the text provides a good summary of the work as it was conducted and provides the conclusions to this test work.

The objective of this test work focused on the behavior of plutonium and plutonium surrogates in the plasma melter testing and the distribution of plutonium surrogates in the final products. Based on the results of this study, more than 99 percent of the plutonium was contained in the slag formed during the melter operation. Very little, if any plutonium, was volitalized and released. The test work was carried out during the summer and fall of 1993.

DOE requests that you acknowledge the receipt of this report prior to January 27, 1995. If you have any questions please contact Norma Castaneda at 966-4226.

Sincerely,

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